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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8528

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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO

REF: A. ADDIS 8511 B. ADDIS 8489

- 1. CONGEN ASMARA UNDERSTANDS FROM LOCAL AMERICAN SOURCES THAT PRESS IN U.S. MAY NOW BE AWARE OF CISCO KIDNAPPING. WE HAVE STILL HAD NO PRESS QUERIES HERE. THERE STILL IS NO RPT NO FURTHER WORD FROM KIDNAPPERS OR FROM INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.
- 2. EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT KIDNAPPERS MAY STILL BE IN TRANSIT OR MAY BE HAVING PROBLEMS FORMULATING AND CLEARING, PRESUMABLY AT HIGH INSURGENT LEVELS, BOTH (A) PRECISE DEMANDS, AND (B) PUBLIC STATEMENTS DESIGNED TO DRAMATIZE THEIR CASE AGAINST EPMC. GIVEN DIFFICULTIES CONFIDENTIAL

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OF COMMUNICATION IN INSURGENT AREAS BOTH ACTIONS COULD REQUIRE

## CONSIDERABLE TIME YET.

- 3. MEANWHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO TRY TO STIMULATE ACTIVITY BY EPMG, SUCH AS AGGRESSIVE SEARCH OPERATIONS, THAT COULD ENDANGER "CISCO TWO". WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE SURE THAT EPMG IS UTILIZING ITS INTELLIGENCE AND POLICE ASSETS, IN NON-AGGRESSIVE WAY, TO TRY TO GET INFORMATION. WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT HERE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY; CONGEN ASMARA SHOULD, IN ITS DISCRETION DO THE SAME, EMPHASIZING PRIME IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY OF HOSTAGES.
- 4. FYI WE HEAR THAT BECAUSE OF RISING TENSIONS CAUSED BY ARRESTS OF POLICE (REPORTED SEPTELS NOTAL) CHAIRMAN TEFARI BANTE MAY NOT BE GOING TO ASMARA TODAY. HUMMEL

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